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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

**AVITAL et al.**

Appln. No.: 09/852,458

Filed: May 15, 2001

Title: **METHOD FOR THE ISOLATION OF  
STEM CELLS BY IMMUNO-LABELING WITH  
HLA/MHC GENE PRODUCT MARKER**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed references.

This IDS is being filed before the first office action has been issued in this application, and hence this IDS must be considered per Rule 97(b)(1).

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 20, 2002

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